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## **COUNTY SEEKING PROPOSALS FOR FEDERAL FUNDS** ***Meetings Set to Discuss Community Development, Housing Programs***

Residents and organizations are invited to attend one of the informational meetings being held next month to learn how to apply for some \$12.5 million in federal community development and housing funds.

The nine meetings sponsored by the County Department of Housing and Community Development are scheduled in unincorporated communities around the County. The County also administers these funds for some local cities (Coronado, Del Mar, Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove, Poway, and Solana Beach) that hold their own hearings to discuss how their funds will be spent. Under discussion at the meetings will be federal funds expected for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

The money comes from four programs funded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The programs are: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME); Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG); and, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Programs.

The largest pot of money, approximately \$5.4 million, comes from the CDBG program, which focuses on improvement and revitalization of low-income communities. Eligible projects include street upgrades, community centers, parks, water and drainage improvements and housing rehabilitation loans. The other programs fund affordable housing and homeless assistance projects, including services for people living with HIV or AIDS.

The deadline to submit proposals for CDBG funding for community development projects in the unincorporated areas is Oct. 28. Residents in the cities that the County administers the funds for need to contact their city staff for proposal deadlines. County staff will be present at the meetings to provide information and answer questions. Procedures for funding housing-related programs will also be outlined at the meetings. Further information and applications can be obtained from the County Department of Housing and Community Development, 3989 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123, by calling Joan Herskowitz at (858) 694-4807 or Maria Cavarlez at (858) 694-4806, by E-mail: [hcdgen1@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:hcdgen1@sdcounty.ca.gov), or from the County website: [www.sdhcd.com](http://www.sdhcd.com). For the deaf and hard of hearing, please call 1-800-735-2929.

People who need assistance to participate in the meeting (e.g., non-English speaking, deaf or hard of hearing, visually impaired, etc.) should call staff five days prior to the meeting, if special arrangements are necessary.

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Attached is the schedule for next month's meetings.